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January 10, 2019

Dear Interested Candidates and Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the AVID program at Pedro Menendez High School. AVID is a college preparatory program that gives students the skills they will need to become successful college students. Please read this entire application, which includes an application and two teacher reference letters, so you have a good grasp of the expectations and guidelines of the AVID program at PMHS.

To be a successful AVID student, your child will need to commit a good deal of time and energy to his/her studies. AVID students average 0.5-2 hours of additional homework per night. The AVID class will include the following: keeping a detailed and comprehensive notebook for all classes, taking 2-4 pages of notes per class per week, working on a weekly basis in small groups with tutors, taking field trips to local colleges and universities, and learning from guest speakers while engaging in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.

AVID is aimed at those students that will benefit the most from extra time and course work to ensure acceptance into a 4-year college or university. The requirements that the AVID team at PMHS will consider include a GPA between 2.0 and 3.5, a desire to attend college, a strong attendance record, and an ability to work with others. If accepted, your student will progress through the AVID program for all four years. If your child is out of zone, they must first be accepted into one of the PMHS academies, and then apply for AVID.

We are very excited to meet with all of you and hope that AVID is a good fit for your student and family. Thank you for your interest. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michelle Verville
AVID Coordinator
michelle.verville@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Pedro Menendez High School

AVID Application for 2019-2020



PLEASE PRINT:

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Have you been in AVID? Yes or No Year(s) in AVID (please circle) 6th 7th 8th

1. On a separate sheet of paper respond to the following essay prompt.

College acceptance is not guaranteed. Briefly explain your commitment to college acceptance and why you are willing to work hard in order to prepare for college.

2. In addition to submitting an application, students must sit for a personal interview that will last approximately 15 minutes. **Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, February 12th from 4:00 – 6:00pm at PMHS in the media center.** Interviews will be on a first come, first serve basis so there is no need to call for an appointment. **This is the only notice of the interviews that you will receive. Please mark your calendars.**
3. Please attach a copy of your most recent report card to this application.

Participation in AVID includes the following requirements:

- Study at least two hours each day. Complete all homework assignments.
- Maintain an AVID binder. Take notes in all classes and keep track of all assignments.
- Participate in AVID tutorial groups.
- Participate in AVID field trips and required activities.
- Take a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.
- Maintain an acceptable GPA and meet AVID expectations.
- Complete requirements for and be accepted to a 4-year college or university.
- Attend class regularly.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please return applications to Michelle Verville at PMHS no later than Friday, February 8, 2019.

For more information, please email michelle.verville@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Dear Teacher,

The AVID program at PMHS is looking for new recruits to enroll in a rigorous college prep program that will help students build organizational and academic skills. As you may know, AVID is for students who will benefit from additional supports and organizational skills and who maintain a GPA between 2.0-3.5. Please take a few moments and complete this recommendation form as completely and honestly as possible. Thank you for your help.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Classes taught: English Math Science Social Studies

Approximate Grade in your class: _____

On a scale of 1-5 (1 is lowest, 5 is highest), please rate this student on the following.

Ability to work with others: _____

Work habits: _____

Organization: _____

Attendance: _____

Positive attitude: _____

Desire to succeed academically: _____

Ability to communicate w/teachers: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

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